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respectful opposition to Senator Coordsen's motion to return. Like Senator Burling before him, he's doing what he ought to do. He's trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, reverent. He's a good guy. But I think in terms of how we function here, I was thinking about this earlier this morning, there's so much of our work and we all do it and we all participate in it, there's so much of our work done by this group of three, four, five, six people getting together here and this group of three, four, five, six people getting together there, and that doesn't bind the body. But three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten people got together on the state of LB 851, the way it is, and the work of those people was acceptable to the body, and I think at that point then it becomes something larger than just, to use the word, a deal that was worked out with a smaller group. Now it's become the will of the majority. And if compromises acceptable to the majority don't have some inherent integrity of their own, I think it will be increasingly difficult for this body to achieve good results, pleasing to a majority. So, while Senator Coordsen is doing what he...what he should do, what he must do for his constituency at their request, I urge that we all stay where we were; that we respectfully decline this opportunity and we continue to advance LB 851 as being that which the majority has agreed upon and that which we will process now to conclusion. And I urge that we do not return to Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, rise up in opposition to Senator Coordsen's amendment. The other day, when I heard that he was going to do this, I told him I was going to get a book and start reading for eight hours, and we're still picking out which book I'm going to read, but I was hoping to get done early tonight but maybe it won't happen. But I do rise up 100 percent in opposition to this. The only real argument that I can give you is how can we be so unfair to one area? We've talked about this so many times this year, but this area was affected with legislative redistricting ten years ago, now we're losing my district again